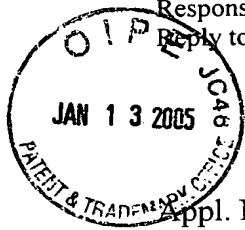


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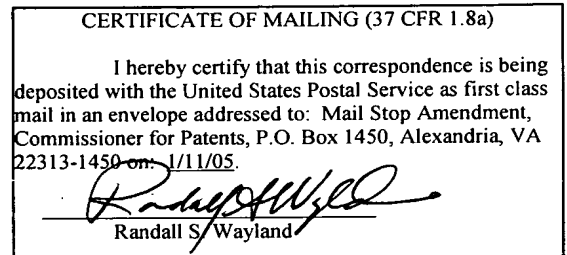
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a honeycomb filter, classified in class 55, subclass 523; and

Group II. Claims 16-20, drawn to an extrusion die assembly, classified in class 425, subclass 463.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another.

Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I, upon which claims 1-15 read, without traverse.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely,

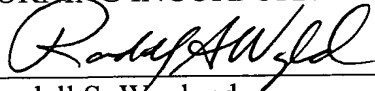
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and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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